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Robert M. Arnold
President
Family Centers Inc. Center for Hope
40 Arch Street
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30624-DTR
Closure of Center for Hope of Darien, Inc. and Merger with Family Centers Inc. in
Darien

Dear Mr. Arnold:

On November 3, 2005, November 23, 2005 and April 28, 2006 the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Family Centers Inc. and Center for Hope of Darien, CT, Inc. to close Center for Hope of Darien, CT, Inc. and to merge with Family Centers inc. in Darien, with no associated capital expenditure.

OHCA has reviewed the information contained in the request and makes the following findings:

1. Family Centers, Inc. ("FCI") is a not for profit facility that provides counseling, family therapy, and support groups for children, adolescents, adults who have experienced a life-threatening illness or who are grieving the loss of a loved one at 972 Boston Post Road in Darien, Connecticut.
2. FCI is a health care facility or institution as defined in Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
3. Center of Hope ("COH") is a not for profit facility that provides counseling, family therapy, and support groups for children, adolescents, adults who have experienced a life-threatening illness or who are grieving the loss of a loved one at 590 Post Road in Darien, Connecticut.
4. COH is a health care facility or institution as defined in Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
5. On November 1, 2005 FCI and COH merged to form Family Centers Inc. Center for Hope.

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6. FCI will terminate its services at 792 Post Road, Darien and relocate to 590 Post Road, Darien.
6. Center of Hope has terminated its Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults License at 590 Post Road in Darien.
7. Family Centers Inc. is seeking to merge with Center for Hope of Darien, CT, Inc. continuing the same services, doing business as Family Centers Inc. Center for Hope at 590 Post Road in Darien.
8. Family Center, Inc. will have one license at 590 Post Road, Darien under the name of Family Centers Inc.
9. Section 19a-638 (a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes states “*Each health care facility or institution which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility or institution ... shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such termination .. a request to undertake such termination ...*”
10. Section 19a-638 (a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes states “*Each health care facility or institution which intends to transfer all or part of its ownership or control ... shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such transfer or change .. a request for permission to undertake such transfer or change ...*”

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Family Centers Inc. Center for Hope, is required to seek and obtain Certificate of Need approval for the closure of Family Center, Inc. at 972 Post Road, Darien, the termination of Center for Hope of Darien license at 590 Post Road in Darien and the merger of Center for Hope doing business as Family Centers Inc. Center for Hope at 590 Post Road in Darien, pursuant to Section 19a-638(a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on April 28, 2006 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore Family Centers Inc. Center for Hope may file a completed CON application with OHCA between June 26, 2006, and August 25, 2006. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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